

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A location confirmation system comprising:
a plurality of mobile terminals each having a positioning unit for positioning a current location of a movable body and a communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from an information center; and

the information center having a center communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from the plurality of mobile terminals and a storage unit for storing information received from the plurality of mobile terminals,

wherein a timing at which the information is transmitted or received ~~to or from other~~
between the information center and a mobile terminal is decided in accordance with timing information ~~specifying a timing at which the information~~ which has been transmitted from a ~~pre-~~
~~determined~~ another mobile terminal to the information center and which specifies a timing at
which the information is transmitted or received.

2. (Currently Amended): The location confirmation system according to claim 1,
wherein the timing information includes identification information for identifying the ~~pre-~~
~~determined~~ another mobile terminal and definition information for defining the timing.

3. (Currently Amended): A computer program product for causing a computer to serve
as a location confirmation system, the program product comprising:
means for positioning a current location of a movable body;

means for transmitting/receiving information to and from an information center;
means for transmitting/ receiving information to and from a plurality of mobile terminals;
means for storing information received from the plurality of mobile terminals,
wherein a timing at which the information is transmitted or received between the information center and at least some of said plurality of mobile terminals is decided in accordance with timing information which has been transmitted from one mobile terminal to the information center and which specifies a timing at which the information is transmitted or received.

~~wherein a timing at which the information is transmitted or received to or from other mobile terminal is decided in accordance with timing information specifying a timing at which the information transmitted from a predetermined mobile terminal is transmitted or received.~~

4. (Currently Amended): An information transmitting method for use in a location confirmation system including a plurality of mobile terminals each having a positioning unit for positioning a current location of a movable body and a communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from an information center, and the information center having a center communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from the plurality of mobile terminals and a storage unit for storing information received from the plurality of mobile terminals, the information transmitting method comprising:

deciding a timing at which the information is transmitted or received ~~to or from other~~
between the information center and a mobile terminal in accordance with timing information specifying the timing at which the information which has been transmitted from a ~~predetermined~~
another mobile terminal to the information center and which specifies a timing at which the information is transmitted or received.

Please add the following new claims 5-10:

5. (New): A location confirmation system comprising:

a plurality of mobile terminals each having a positioning unit for positioning a current location of a movable body and a communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from an information center; and

the information center having a center communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from the plurality of mobile terminals and a storage unit for storing information received from the plurality of mobile terminals,

wherein the information is transmitted or received between the information center and at least some of said plurality of mobile terminals substantially at the same time in accordance with timing information which has been transmitted from one mobile terminal to the information center and which specifies a timing at which the information is transmitted or received.

6. (New): A mobile terminal comprising:

a positioning unit for locating a current position of the mobile terminal;

a communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from an information center;

a display unit; and

a control unit for controlling the communication unit and the display unit,

wherein the control unit controls the communication unit to transmit a timing command that specifies a timing to an information center,

the control unit controls the communication unit to receive information on a position of a mobile terminal from the information center which has been acquired by communicating with another mobile terminal at the timing in accordance with the timing command, and

the control unit controls the display unit to display the information on the position of the another terminal.

7. (New): The mobile terminal according to claim 6, wherein the control unit controls the display unit to display a mark that indicates the location of the another terminal relative to the mobile terminal.

8. (New): The mobile terminal according to claim 6, wherein the information center transmits timing information at the timing in accordance with the timing command, the timing information making said another mobile terminal to transmit the information on the location of said another mobile terminal to the information center, and

the information center acquires the information on the location of said another mobile terminal transmitted from said another mobile terminal in accordance with the timing information.

9. (New): An information center comprising:
a communication unit for transmitting and receiving information to and from a plurality of mobile terminals; and
a control unit for controlling the communication unit,
wherein upon reception of a timing command transmitted from one terminal, the control unit controls the communication unit to transmit timing information to another terminal at a timing in accordance with the timing command, the timing information making the other terminal to transmit the location information to the information center, and
upon reception of the location information, transmitted in accordance with the timing information, the control unit controls the communication unit to transmit the location information of said another mobile terminal to the one terminal.

10. (New): The information center according to claim 9, wherein the one terminal transmits information on a location of the one terminal to the information center at the timing in accordance with the timing command, and

upon reception of the information on the location of the one terminal, the control unit controls the communication unit to transmit the information on the location of the one terminal thus received to said another terminal.